



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: September 24, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement to amend the existing 2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Relating to Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Efforts to extend the sewer plan submittal date to December 31, 2018.

Previous Directives:

- October 2, 2009 – Resolution 2009R-467 Adoption of *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* as the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- July 11, 2008 – Authorized to enter into a MOU with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services clarifying the positions of both agencies related to combined sewer overflow efforts and allowing the Comprehensive Plan to proceed with the final approvals.

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Approved by: _____

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval NA Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval NA Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification - NA
- City Goals – SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained; people will feel safe in the city.
- Comprehensive Plan – The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth goal statement for public facilities and services reads: *"Through sound management and strategic investments, Minneapolis will maintain and develop public services and facilities that promote health, safety and an enhanced quality of life for all members of this growing community."* Policy 5.4 within the comprehensive plan directly relates to this: "Enhance the safety, appearance, and effectiveness of the city's infrastructure," by planning for and providing public facilities that anticipate growth needs, use fiscal resources efficiently, and meet realistic timelines. The City's Sewer Plan is one means of accomplishing the goals and policies in the Implementation Chapter of the comprehensive plan.
- Zoning Code – NA
- Other – NA

Supporting Information

Minnesota law requires municipalities to develop and submit a comprehensive sewer plan that specifies areas to be served by the public system and identifies areas that are not suitable for public or private systems within the Comprehensive Plan. A section within the Sanitary Sewer Plan submitted by the City of Minneapolis described the Combined Sewer Separation and Inflow and Infiltration Programs. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services expressed concerns regarding the efforts identified and timeline of the program. Therefore the Metropolitan Council and the City entered into an agreement clarifying efforts related to combined sewer overflows which required a sewer plan update prior to the completion of the next comprehensive plan cycle. As a result the Plan was approved by the Metropolitan Council on July 22, 2009 along with the memorandum of understanding. *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* was unanimously adopted by the Minneapolis City Council on October 2, 2009.

The memorandum of understanding required a sewer plan update be submitted by September 30, 2013. City and Metropolitan Council Environmental Services staff have been meeting regularly to discuss the Joint Combined Sewer Overflow Permit and system operations. Staff recommends the council authorize proper City officials to enter into an agreement to amend the existing 2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Relating to Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Efforts to extend the sewer plan submittal date to December 31, 2018 located in section 6 of the agreement.

Link - *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/plans/cped_comp_plan_2030

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